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FOR RHODESIA

1. AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ON RETURN TO DAR ES SALAAM FROM
MAPUTO APRIL 22 PATRIOTIC FRONT CO-LEADER COMMENTED ON US ROLE
IN CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL FOR RHODESIA. DAILY NEWS
OF APRIL 23 REPORTED MUGABE AS SAYING THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD
NOT ALLOW US TO PARTICIPATE IN SETTLEMENT AS IT HAD BEEN PROPPING
UP THE WHITE MINORITY REGIME ALL ALONG. HE WAS ALSO REPORTED TO
HAVE SAID US COULD ONLY GAIN CONFIDENCE OF ZIMBABWEANS IF IT
FOLLOWED UP REPEAT OF BYRD AMENDMENT BY GETTING US CORPORATIONS
TO STOP TRADING WITH RHODESIA.

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2. EDITORIAL IN APRIL 24 EDITION OF DAILY NEWS, WHICH IS GOVERN-
MENT-OWNED, HAILED UNION OF ZANU AND ZAPU FIGHTING FORCES AND
COMMENTED ON ATTEOPTS BY OTHERS TO FIND SOLUTIONS FOR RHODESIA.
RELEVANT SECTION OF EDITORIAL IS QUOTED BELOW.

3. BEGIN TEXT: ZIPA'S UNITED FIRE POWER WILL NO DOUBT SERVE TO
ENHANCE THE STRUGGLE. "GENEVARISTIC" ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE

TO DELAY THE HOUR OF VICTORY. THESE SUBTLE ATTEMPTS CONTINUE.

IT SHOULD , HOWEVER, BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE IS BETWEEN THE MINORITY REGIME AND THE MASSES REPRESENTED BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. ANYONE TRYING TO "SETTLE" THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM MUST RECKON WITH THIS REALITY.

IT WOULD BE SHEER FOLLY FOR THIRD PARTIES INTERESTED IN ZIMBABWE TO SEEK A SOLUTION BEHIND THE BACKS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THE STRUGGLE IN ZIMAMBWE CAN ONLY BE SETTLED BETWEEN THE CONTENDING PARTIES EITHER ON THE CONFERENCE TABLE OR THE BATTLE FIELD. END TEXT.
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